

H. R. 371.

JANUARY 16, 1829.

Read twice, and ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. ALEXANDER, from the Committee for the District of Columbia, to which the subject had been referred, reported the following bill :

A BILL

To exempt the fire companies of Washington, Alexandria, and Georgetown from military duty, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That*
3 the fire companies of Washington, Georgetown, and Alex-
4 andria, and those which may be created hereafter under the
5 laws of the Corporations of said towns, or either of them, shall,
6 when so formed, elect their own officers, who, and the mem-
7 bers of said companies, upon being duly registered by the re-
8 spective Corporations, shall be, and they are hereby, exempt-
9 ed, in time of peace, from the performance of military duty,
10 so long as they are attached to said companies.

1 SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That the Superin-*
2 tendent of the Public Buildings be, and he is hereby, author-
3 ized to place under the care and management of the Corpora-

4 tion of Washington the fire-engine and apparatus belonging to
5 the United States, which may be used by such company as the
6 said Corporation shall direct, for the purpose of exercising it,
7 and for extinguishing fires in Washington, Alexandria, and
8 Georgetown.